

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the withdrawal of the finality of the previous Office Action and that our submission filed on April 17, 2008 has been entered, pursuant to a Request for Continued Examination.

Claims 1-5, 10-13, 18-20, 24-28, and 33 are pending in the application, of which withdrawn Claims 18-20, 24-28 and 33 are herein cancelled. Claims 1-5 have been allowed. Claims 10-13 stand rejected. Claim 10 has been amended. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the application, drawings and claims as originally filed and, as such, no new matter has been presented. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 10-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Specifically, there is some inconsistency within Claim 10 regarding a "subcombination" in the preamble that states "[A] pallet that is configurable to support a first structure and reconfigurable to support a second structure, comprising ..." (Claims 11-13 appear to have been rejected solely as being dependent upon a rejected claim). Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to Claim 10 which has been amended to overcome the Examiner's objection. In this regard, Applicants have amended Claim 10 to clarify Applicants are claiming the pallet, and first/second structure combination.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of Claims 1-5.

The Examiner states that Claim 10-13 would be allowable if rewritten and/or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In view of the amendments made herein and the arguments set forth above, it is believed that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION


It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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